

Willamette NA meeting Sept 13, 2023      Zoom + Adult Comm. Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Kathie Halicki.

The **minutes** of Aug 9 as seen on WL website were approved

The **treasury** has a balance of \$5,156.79. A motion to cover \$63.75 for a Zoom camera as required for meetings was MSP.

**City Manager** John Williams reported on the following:

1. Tree cutting in Fields Bridge Park was done without proper permitting and will be rectified somehow. The Park Dept will be involved in planting
2. Athey Creek Middle School has traffic issues. Backups at the public access is clogged at pickup and drop off times. There are 20 extra spaces for cars to pause on the property. It is up to the school to find a resolution.
3. There is a shortage of bus drivers.
4. Dollar Street is feeling the impact of school related traffic
5. A sidewalk extension is needed at Ostman and Dollar. Public Works is going to prioritize sidewalk improvements with citizen input
6. The Community Town Hall to discuss a community rec center was a success and other Town Hall Meetings will be scheduled. In order to assure citizens received information on future plans, WL will publish a newsletter 2x a year to be sent in the mail. Electronic info does not reach everyone.
7. A 'school zone 20 mph' sign will soon be installed

**Public Works Director** Erich Lais reported on the following:

1. The 4 way stop at Fields Bridge is not as effective as a roundabout
2. The WF Drive will shift to the south to accommodate north side improvements. A wall in the park will be necessary. No permission from ODOT was required.
3. The 10th street roundabout will have a sidewalk and 6" curb. Cars will be slowed down. Property owners are responsible for any protective fencing. Adjacent property owners were compensated in advance for the inconvenience.
4. Intersection of WF Drive and 10th Street will be closed for one week to finish construction. Dates to be announced.
5. The new Hwy 43 round about needs some signage where 2 lanes merge to one. Currently traffic pattern is confusing. Longer ramps to freeway are helpful.
6. The 'Welcome to Willamette' sign had rotten wood when removed. It is up to the City to replace it.
7. The left turn sign at the boat parking lot was determined to be unnecessary since very few trucks with boats turn right.

**The Food Pantry** needs canned tuna, canned meats, canned fruit and garden produce. They have received \$300 in donations for the WNA match.

**Announcements:** October 3rd, SONA will host a presentation on middle-housing in its neighborhood

Sunday Sept 17, SOLV will sponsor a cleanup workday at Fields Bridge Park beginning at 9am

Vaux swifts have appeared at the corner of Ostman and WF Drive. This is a seasonal phenomenon every evening at sunset when they swarm into a chimney.

**Main Street** Rebecca announced the end of a successful Summer Market. There is a Distillery Walk next Wednesday. Tickets are available.

Main Street would like a donation from the WNA or Halloween treats. This will be on the October agenda.

A request for \$1300 for a historic sign was met with silence

A bike station near the fountain on WF Drive will be considered by the Main Street Design committee. Participation from the WNA is encouraged.

This idea was not met with enthusiasm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51

Elizabeth Rocchia

Secretary